

body's indulgence if we could do that please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You've heard Senator Wickersham explain the amendment to 700A. Any discussion? Hope you heard it. Senator Wickersham, do you have a closing? The question is the adoption of the Wickersham amendment to LB 700A. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. Anything further? Senator Wickersham, would you like to open on 700A.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay, thank you, Madam President. Now we can talk about the bill. It is in the proper shape to talk to you about. LB 700A does a couple of things. It does change appropriations for a couple of agencies who have employees who participate in the School Employees Retirement System, those are the Department of Education, the Department of Public Institutions, and the Department of Corrections. Those total changes are about \$12,000 over the balance of this fiscal year and the next fiscal year. The other change is in the budget for the NPERS system, the PERB, that is to allow them programming, computer programming, that is about \$88,000. That \$88,000 is a cash expenditure, those are not General Fund dollars, those will come out of the retirement system dollars and you'll see that allocated between the judges, the State Patrol, and the School Employees Retirement System. So those are not General Fund dollars, those are cash fund dollars from the systems themselves. The additional contributions that are necessary by reason of the employees of the Department of Education, Department of Corrections, and DPI are General Fund dollars. But I would urge adoption of...advancement of 700A. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I did not vote for the advancement of 700 and I will not vote for the advancement of 700A. I still say it's not right the way this is being done. This is taking money out of a HELP fund that was set up several years ago, probably before most of us were here. But it was an agreement at that time to give the